INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

AA-867

Property/District Name: Concrete Block House	Survey Number: AA-876
Project: <u>Dorchester Ridge Subdivision</u> A	Agency: F/COE
Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name	Date
Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended	mmended
Criteria:AB X CD Considerations:A	BCDEFGNone
Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessar	ry and attach map)
The Concrete Block House is a foursquare house built by I dwelling is a highly decorative example of the American For Revival details in its contrasting quoins, dentilled cornice signinal floor plan and materials as seen in the pine trip Displaying a high level of integrity, the John Blob House is concrete block architecture of the early twentieth century.	oursquare. The features of the house reflect Georgian and Palladian dormer window. The house retains its m, original hardware and staircase and newel post.
There are two outbuildings associated with the property as concrete block smokehouse and the frame shed were compon the loss of integrity of setting, association and feeling, the concurred that the two outbuildings did not possess architect the Blob House is eligible resource.	ents of a larger farm complex now demolished. Due to e outbuildings were determined ineligible. The Trust
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Retain Dorchester Subdivision, Anne Arundel County, MD and Prepared by: Parsons Engineering Science/Chris Martin,	d the addendum to the MIHP
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Lauren Bowlin	10/99 3 29 00
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
NR program concurrence: yes no not applica	ble
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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

	Geographic Region:	
	_ Eastern Shore (all	Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
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	Piedmont (Baltimore	City, Baltimore, Carroll,
	Fr	ederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
	_ Western Maryland (A)	llegany, Garrett and Washington)
	Chronological/Developmental Peri	iods:
	_ Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
	_ Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
	_ Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
	_ Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
	_ Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
	_ Middle Woodland	500 B.C A.D. 900
	Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
	_ Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
	_ Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
	_ Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
<u>X</u> _	_ Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
<u>X</u>	_ Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
	_ Unknown Period (prehistoric	historic)
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		and Community Planning
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Description

A shed and a smokehouse are located southeast of the Blob House. Neither the smokehouse nor shed is in-service.

Shed

The shed is a one-story; wood-frame building that appears to have been constructed ca. 1920. The shed faces northwest towards a secondary elevation of the house and may have been aligned along a service lane. A trace of this lane survives.

The work shed adopts a rectangular footprint and is supported by poured concrete piers. The original building piers were supplemented with brick piers to provide additional support. The building is two bays wide by one bay deep and terminates in a side gable roof. The walls are clad with tongue-and-groove siding overlain with composition roll siding. The building incorporates a log sill. The roof is sheathed with composition shingles overlain with composition roll shingling. The shed features log sills and overhanging eaves with exposed 3" timber rafters.

The principal (northwest) elevation contains two primary entrances. The entrances are located at ends of the elevation. The north, four-panel door survives, while the south entry bay is open. The trim around the door bays is composed of simple boards and is not original.

The southwest elevation features one window bay and the rear (southeast) elevation features a triple window opening. Only one of the four windows is extant. This unit is a 12-light casement window located on the rear elevation. A clay tile pipe rises from the gable of the southeast elevation suggesting that the building once was heated with a wood stove.

The interior of the building comprises one room. The framing of the structure is exposed.

Smokehouse

The smokehouse is a one-story, wood-frame building constructed ca. 1929. The smokehouse faces northwest and is set slightly back from the workshop. The smokehouse occupies a square ground plan and is supported on a rusticated concrete block foundation. The building is one bay wide by one bay deep. The walls are clad with vertical wood siding. The siding has been patched numerous times with an assortment of materials, including chicken wire, plywood, and wood boards. The structure terminates in a front gable roof sheathed with composition roll shingling overlain with composition shingles. The principal (northwest) elevation features a central entrance. The door is missing.

The interior of the building comprises a single chamber. Charred, exposed framing evidences the historic use of the building.

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Significance

The two outbuildings are simple agricultural support buildings similar in design to support structures historically associated with family farms. The main agricultural buildings historically associated with the Blob farm do not survive. Foundation rubble consistent with the footprint of a barn survives north of the outbuildings.

The historic use of the shed is unknown. The building is in poor condition and is no longer in service. The log sill of the shed suggests that the building may predate the 1929 Blob House.

The smokehouse appears to have been built at the same time as the house as evidenced by the concrete block foundation. The late 1929 date of the outbuildings is atypical for buildings of this type and it is unlikely that the smokehouse served the subsistence function of earlier examples.

The outbuildings do not contribute to the significance of the Blob House under Criterion C as an example of early twentieth century ornamental concrete design.

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Major Bibliographical References

Ware, Donna M.

1984 Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form, Survey No. AA-867, Dorchester Concrete-Block House.

Whitley, Cynthia A., Christopher T. Martin, and Madeleine Pappas

1998 Phase I Archaeological Investigation of the Dorchester Subdivision, Anne Arundel County, Maryland. Submitted to Dorchester Associates, L.L.C., Capitol Heights, MD. Parsons Engineering Science, Inc., Fairfax VA.

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Photo Log

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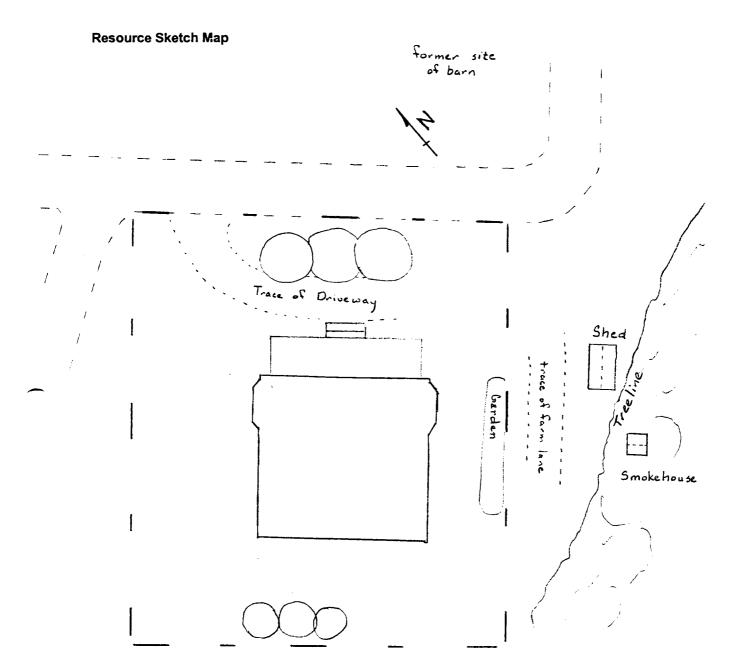
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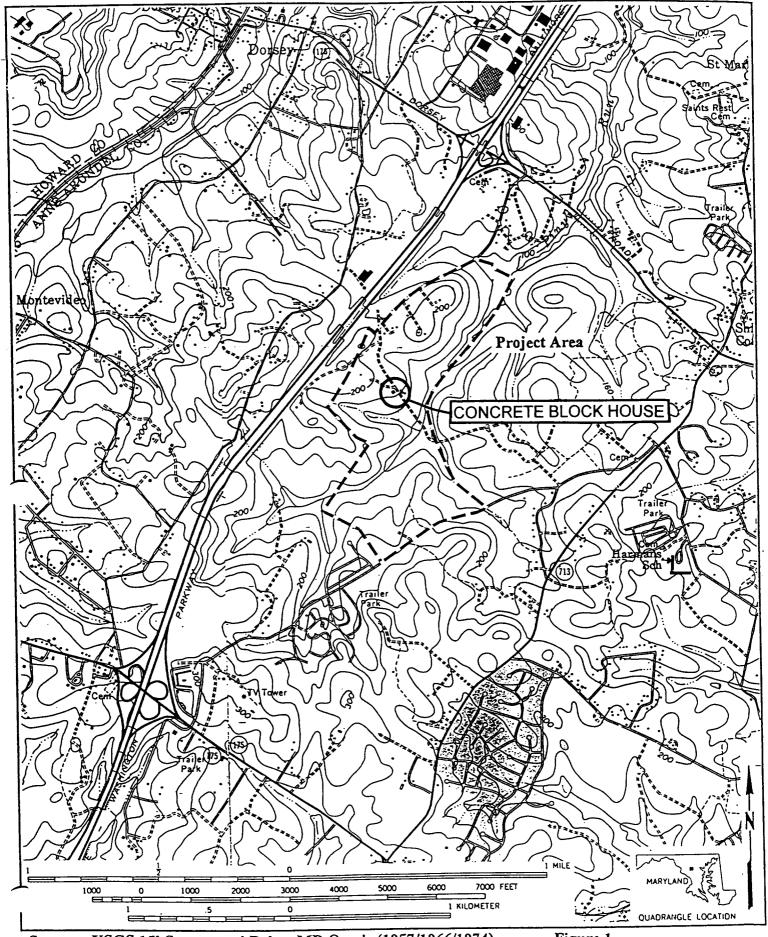
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Boundary Justification

The boundary is defined as the immediate house lot of the Dorchester Concrete-Block House. The outbuildings have not been included in this area since they do not contribute to the property's significance under Criterion C.

The boundary begins along Wright Road starting at the junction of Wright Road and a farm lane just to the north of the house. The boundary should run along Wright Road to a point perpendicular to southeastern edge of the garden. The line will run along the garden to the back of yard indicated by the remains of an old fence. It will then run this line to the point perpendicular to the junction of Wright Road and the farm lane and then return to the starting point.





Source: USGS 15' Savage and Relay, MD Quads (1957/1966/1974)

Figure 1
Project Area Location

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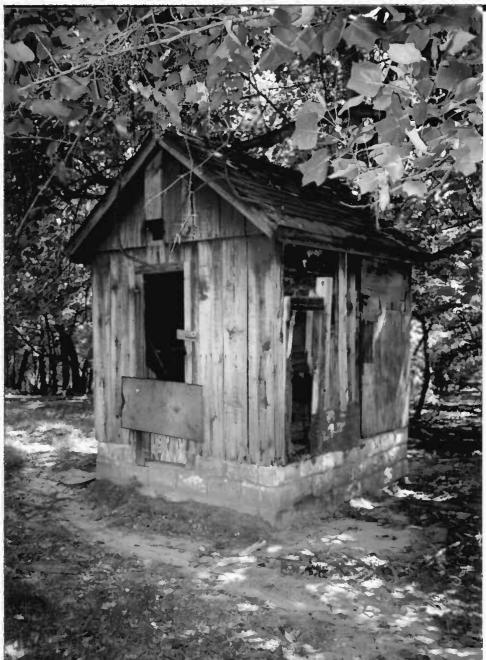
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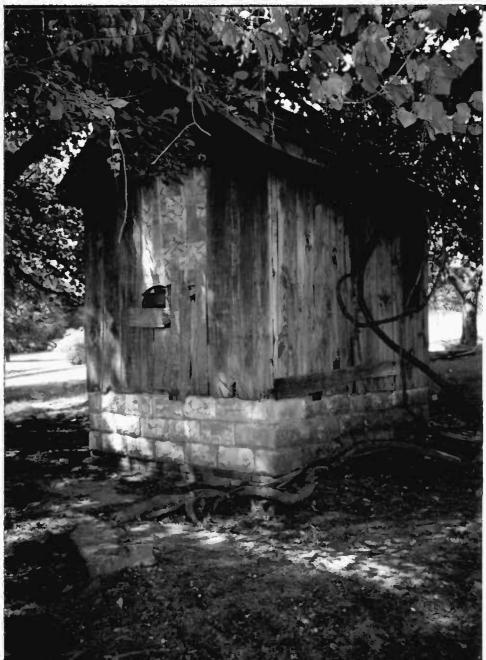
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Circa 1920

The Dorchester Concrete Block House is located in northwest Anne Arundel County on Wright Road, south of Dorsey Road (Rt. 176) and east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. This highly-ornamented house has a commanding view overlooking open and wooded land. It faces northeast. A frame barn with a collapsed roof sits northeast of the house.

The house is a 2-story, decorated concrete block dwelling, which embodies the early 20th century Neo-Rational or "Four-Square Plan" style of architecture. It is blocky, measuring 3 bays by 3 bays, with an almost square plan, except for an ell which extends from the rear, southwest elevation, at the south corner.

The house is richly embellished with classical details, reflecting a Palladian/Georgian Revival influence.

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4. Own	er of Pro	perty (give names	and mailing address	es of <u>all</u> owners)
name	Dorchester Lin	nited Partnership, c/o	Westchester Construc	tion, Inc.
street & number	8401 Connecti	icut Ave.	telephone r	no.:
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A 2-story polygonal bay extends from the northwest elevation, and a 2-story rectangular one from the southeast elevation. A 1-story hip-roof porch which extends across the facade (northeast elevation) covers a central entrance with a transom. A 1-story enclosed, shed-roof porch fills the west corner of the rear elevation.

The steeply-pitched hip roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has three hip-roof dormers on the facade, the southeast elevation, and the northwest elevation. The house rests on a poured-concrete foundation. There is a central interior brick chimney.

The house is richly embellished with classical details, reflecting a Palladian/Georgian Revival influence. The grey, rock-faced decorated concrete block wall surfaces are contrasted with light grey, smooth-faced quoins. The one-over-one sash windows are also defined with the smooth-faced quoins and white lintels. The facade dormer is lit by a Palladian-style window, whereas the other dormers are lit simply by a pair of windows. The wooden cornice is embellished with heavy dentils. The facade porch is supported by four, concrete-cast, fluted Ionic columns, and has a massive, turned balustrade.

The interior was not examined.

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The Dorchester Concrete-Block House is a highly decorative example of the early 20th century, Neo-Rationalistic or Four-Square Plan style of architecture, which is executed in another early 20th century construction phenomenon-cast, decorated concrete blocks. The Neo-Rationalistic style rejected some principles of the late 19th century Queen Anne design and embraced a modern, rationalistic 1

Few dwellings of this style, so richly embellished, exist in the North County area. This attention to detail suggests that a person of some means may have constructed this house in the early 20th century.

approach to geometric composition where architectural ornament was subordinate.

Footnotes

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8. Significance

1. Bainbridge Bunting and Robert H. Nylander, Report Four: Old Cambridge, (Cambridge, Mass.: Cambridge Historical Commission, 1973), p. 120.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geo	graphical Data			
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name/title	Donna M. Ware, Historic Si	tes Surveyor		
organization	Anne Arundel County	date	1984	
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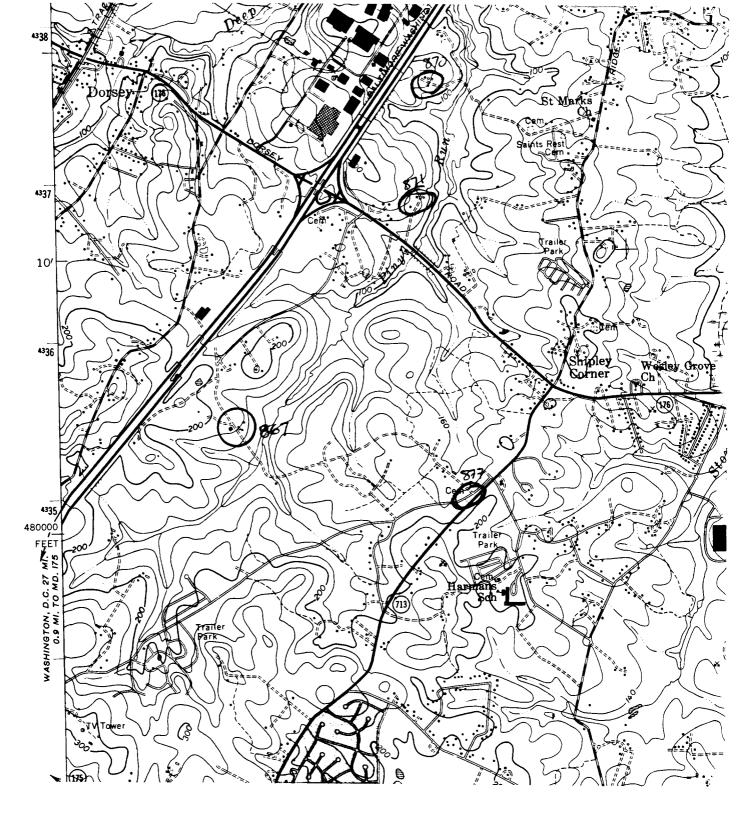
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